

Details in respect of the watershed development projects sanctioned under the three programmes (including Andhra Pradesh) during the period from 1995-96 to 2000-2001 are given as under :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	New Projects sanctioned in the country		New Projects sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh	
		Nos.	Area in lakh ha.	Nos.	Area in lakh ha.
1.	IWDP	298	29.24	26	2.97
2.	DPAP	11,738	58.69	2,509	12.54
3.	DDP	5,353	26.76	362	1.81

Districts in Andhra Pradesh covered under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission

1929. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of district covered under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry for release of funds under the RGDWM to control fluorosis, brackish water, etc. in some of its districts and to meet acute shortage of water in Vijayanagram District;

(c) if so, when such request was received in the Ministry; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the

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efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Rural Drinking Water component of the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. As per the information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, all the 69732 rural habitations in the State have been covered with drinking water supply facilities. Under Sector Reforms Project, Government of India has sanctioned Pilot Projects for 5 districts namely Chittoor, Khammam, Nalgonda, Prakasam and Nellore.

(b) to (d) A project proposal for control of Fluorosis and Brackishness in drinking water in Vijayanagram district at a cost of Rs. 26.02 crore was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. In view of the powers delegated to State Governments w.e.f. 1-4-1998 to plan, sanction and implement projects under ARWSP to tackle water quality problems, the said project proposal was returned to the State Government for taking appropriate action at the State Government level.

Schemes for Economic Development of Women in Rural Areas of Arunachal Pradesh

1930. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/projects etc. launched by Government for economic development and empowerment of women in rural areas of Arunachal Pradesh during the year 2000-2001; and

(b) the details of achievement made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has special component for women in its Programmes and funds are earmarked as "Women's Component" to ensure flow of adequate resources for the same. The major Schemes, having Women's Component include the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgor Yojana (SGSY), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the